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Mr. Robert McGuire
Acting Associate Administrator for Hazardous Material Safety
Research & Special Programs Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC. 20590-0001

Attention: Exemptions, DHM-31

Re: Request for Renewal for Exemption E-12095

Dear Mr. McGuire:

This is to request renewal of our party status to DOT Exemption E-12095, in accordance with 49 CFR §107.109. This exemption authorizes an alternative qualification program for all DOT specification tank cars and for all tank cars used for the transportation of hazardous material in commerce. This renewal is required while the FRA works to incorporate this exemption into the regulations.

This request for renewal is for:

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The Railway Progress Institute (RPI) submitted the original application for this exemption on May 5, 1998. The third revision of this exemption, issued on September 30, 1998, remains accurate and complete.

RailAmerica has qualified fifteen (15) of the cars we own under this exemption since its issuance in October 1998. Our tank car fleet averages less than 9 loaded trips per car, per year. RailAmerica is aware of no incidents involving any loss of contents related to tank car qualification under this exemption.

We believe this application is complete and conforms to the requirements of 49 CFR §107.109. Please call Mr. McCloud at 1-800-211-7245 or Ms. Susan Schieszler (*Agent of RailAmerica*) at 630-829-9451 if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,



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